

**TITLE:**        **2004 AMA - Forest Site Preparation to Promote Natural Regeneration**

**PURPOSE:**    Provide financial and technical assistance to landowners who **own less than 10 acres of woodland** to control species such as tree-of-heaven, striped maple, and ferns that can occupy sites and severely limit the development of advance regeneration. Livestock must be excluded from the practice area.

**BACKGROUND:**    Species such as tree-of-heaven, striped maple, kudzu, and fern can sometimes occupy woodland sites to the extent that advanced hardwood regeneration cannot develop. In these situations it is necessary to control these unwanted species to allow the desired species to germinate and thrive.

**PRACTICE LIST:**    Forest Site Preparation (acre) Code 490  
                              Use Exclusion (acre) Code 472  
  (Fence - Least Cost Alternative)

**PROPOSAL:**        Statewide  
                              WVDOF provides technical assistance for plan development , practice application, and inspection.

**TECHNICAL CONTACT:**    WVDOF